

CITY OF KIRKLAND
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
Minutes Commission Regular Meeting
May 23, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Jory Hamilton called meeting to order at 6:34 pm

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Commissioners Melantha Jenkins, Jonathan Stutz, Sriram Rajagopala, Chloe Sow, Cristian Liu, and Vice Chair Jory Hamilton

Chair Gildas Cheung excused

Staff Present: Jen Boone, Human Services Manager, Amanda Judd, Human Services Coordinator, Antoinette Smith, Human Services Coordinator, Meli Paulo, Homeless Outreach Coordinator

Meeting Recorder: Regi Schubiger, Youth Services Coordinator

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Commissioner Melantha Jenkins read land acknowledgement. Commissioner Jonathan Stutz will read the acknowledgment at the June meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chair Jory Hamilton requested a motion to approve the April 25, 2023 minutes. Commissioner Melantha Jenkins made a motion for approval, Commissioner Sriram Rajagopalan seconded. Motion carried (Yes: 6 No: 0).

5. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

a. Immigrant Women's Community Center

Executive Director Nura Adam and Board Chair Jennifer Karls from Immigrant Women's Community Center (IWCC) shared about the services and programming provided to Eastside communities.

7. BUSINESS

a. 2044 Comprehensive Plan Update – Human Services and Housing Elements

The Commission received a briefing and provided staff feedback on the 2044 Comprehensive Plan update process and topics to study as it relates to updates to the Human Services and Housing Elements (the term Element refers to the chapters in the Comprehensive Plan).

Senior Planner Scott Guter, Senior Planner Lindsay Levine, and Environmental Program Coordinator Katie Hogan from the City of Kirkland's Planning and Building Department presented.

Agenda item was extended to allow for additional discussion.

- b. City's Response to Homelessness

Agenda item moved to a future meeting agenda item.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Commissioner Reports

Jonathan attended the Community Appreciation event.

- b. Staff Reports

Eastside Civic Leadership Awards Event on 05/31. Commissioner Gaby Lopez is receiving an award recognizing her service to the Eastside community. RSVP to Jen if you are interested in attending.

Annual Code of Ethics forms past due – please return as soon as possible to Jen.

June 27th meeting will be in-person in Council Chambers at City Hall.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Jory Hamilton requested a motion to adjourn. Moved by Commissioner Melantha Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Sriram Rajagopalan. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.